

Living Word Community Food Cupboard Receives Rural Development Grant for New Delivery Truck



About the Organization: Living Word Community Food Cupboard is an integral part of the Dover-Foxcroft community. Established in 1994, the cupboard helps feed over 400 area families each week.

How the Faith-Based and Community Initiative Helped: USDA Rural Development provided financial support in the form of a \$21,000 Community Facility Grant. Funding from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation provided \$25,000. This gave the food cupboard the funds they needed to purchase a delivery truck.

The new truck can hold over 15,000 pounds of food, and makes frequent trips to New Jersey, bringing back load after load of food for needy residents. The food cupboard is extremely crucial to families in rural areas as the price of gas and heating oil is costly. Families who come for food include working families who can't make ends meet, single persons, and the elderly, among others.

Quote from Staff of Organization: Reverend Tom Bruce, President of Living Word Community Food Center, says the food cupboard is always ready to help the community, "We have it, we give it," says Tom. He also expresses his appreciation for Rural Development and other funding partners saying "It's good to work with the Federal Government and other funding partners to make this a reality." Tom continues on saying Rural Development has been "Extraordinary in working with me through the process. It can be difficult for a Faith-Based Organization to get funding, and Rural Development was awesome!"



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